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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/659,415	Applicant(s) HOWARD ET AL.	
	Examiner Jonathan Johnson	Art Unit 1725	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12-14-05.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Withdrawal of Allowable Subject Matter

The indicated allowability of claims 9-20 are withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to US 6,309,891 (Shalon). Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 9,11,12,14,15,16,17, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 6,309,891 (Shalon). Shalon teaches a bonding head having a plurality of wire passages formed therein (col. 6, ll. 35-55); where the capillary tips are capable of having wires disposed through the passages (col. 6, ll. 35-55); and a robot to form a first set of stud bumps outwardly from respective first set of bond pads (152); and a wire passage is no more than 1000 microns (col. 7, ll. 1-15); having a rectangular array (figure 9); that will simultaneously engage (figure 1). It is the examiner's position that the wire is a process limitation that holds little patentable weight in the apparatus claim.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 10 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shalon as applied to claim 9 and 17 above, and further in view of US 5,421,503 (Perlberg). Perlberg teaches the bond head is a ceramic (col. 5, ll. 19-35). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the capillary to utilize a ceramic in order to have a thin wall thickness (see Perlberg col. 5, ll. 15-35)

Claims 13 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shalon as applied to claim 9 and 17 above. Shalon teaches the desirability of using high density tips for use with smaller chips (col. 8, ll. 50-67), It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the capillary to utilize the claimed tips in order to manufacture smaller chips (see Shalon col. 8, ll. 50-67).

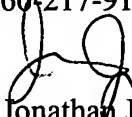
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan Johnson whose telephone number is 571-272-1177. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30 AM-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pat Ryan can be reached on 571-272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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